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 2/ [ ] VCK/R184-72. NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE TRACKING OF POSSIBLE F-111 IN HANOI AREA,  
 16 OCTOBER 1972 SPOT FOLLOW-UP NR ONE AND FINAL TO 2/ [ ] VCK/R184-72, 171120Z  
 OCT BETWEEN 1647 AND 1720 ON 16 OCTOBER, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR SURVEILLANCE  
 BROADCAST AT HANOI REFLECTED THE TRACKING OF ONE \$HOSTILE\$ RAID ACTIVE IN THE  
 AREA WEST OF HANOI AS FOLLOWS, 1647 21-22N 103-37E 1648 21-25N 103-57E 1649  
 21-25N 104-20E 1655 21-28N 104-30E 1700 21-45N 104-43E 1705 21-38N 104-57E 1708  
 21-22N 105-23E 1709 21-08N 105-10E 1710 20-55N 104-57E 1711 20-42N 104-43E 1720  
 20-08N 104-17E AIR SURVEILLANCE TRACKING OF THE SAME RAID DURING THE SAME TIME  
 PERIOD BY THE 292ND RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT AT NA SAN REFLECTED THE SAME FLIGHT  
 ROUTE AS ABOVE UNTIL 1655, WHEREAFTER NA SAN TRACKED THE \$HOSTILE\$ TURNING WEST  
 AND THEN SOUTHWEST OVER NORTHERN LAOS. THERE WAS NO APPARENT REASON FOR THE  
 DIFFERENCES OF TRACKING AS BROADCAST BY THE NA SAN FILTER CENTER AND THE  
 NATIONAL AIR SURVEILLANCE HEADQUARTERS AT HANOI; HOWEVER, IT IS ASSUMED THAT  
 HANOI MAY HAVE BEEN RECEIVING ADDITIONAL RADAR INPUT FROM STATIONS IN THE HANOI  
 AREA, THE LAST NOTED POSITION OF THIS RAID AT 1720 WOULD PUT THE UNIDENTIFIED  
 \$HOSTILE\$ WITHIN THE 220 TO 300 DEGREE AZIMUTH FROM 20-58N 105-58E WHICH WAS  
 STATED TO BE THE AREA OF RESCUE OPERATIONS FRO THE \$PIRATE\$ AIRMAN\$ ON 17  
 OCTOBER. COMMENT, COLLATERAL INFORMATION INDICATES THAT A U.S. F-111 WAS LOST  
 DURING THE 1700 HOUR ON 16 OCTOBER. NO APPARENT CAUSE FOR THE MISSING AIRCRAFT  
 HAS BEEN NOTED, NOR HAVE THERE BEEN ANY ADDITIONAL REFLECTIONS OF ANY ALLIED  
 SEARCH OPERATIONS IN THE NEAR 20-08N 104-17E. 420 #0663 NNNN

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